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DURING COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD MARCH 11, MPS HALIBURTON AND CROUSE (NOVA SCOTIA) RAISED MATTER OF U.S. FISHERMEN TAKING HADDOCK CATCHES IN RESTRICTED AREAS. FOLLOWING ARE EXCHANGES, WITH REPLIES BY EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP AND FISHERIES MINISTER DAVIS:

HALIBURTON: "MR. SPEAKER, MY QUESTION IS DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. BECAUSE OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE ICNAF CONFERENCE LAST JULY IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO PROTECT HADDOCK, OUR MOST VALUABLE GROUND FISH SPECIES, DURING THE SPAWNING SEASON, AND SINCE CONTRARY TO THAT AGREEMENT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS IT IS REPORTED, HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS BY AMERICAN FISHERMEN FROM THE RESTRICTED AREA, UNDOUBTEDLY SETTING BACK THE REBUILDING OF STOCKS AND CONSERVATION FOR YEARS,

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WHAT ACTION HAS THE MINISTER TAKEN OR WHAT ACTION WILL HE

TAKE IN ORDER TO SEE THAT AMERICAN FISHERMEN ARE
RESTRICTED AND PULLED OUT OF THAT AREA?"

SHARP: "IT WILL BE OUR PURPOSE TO SEE THAT ALL THESE
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ARE OBSERVED, MR. SPEAKER."

CROUSE: "...WOULD THE MINISTER INFORM THE HOUSE
IF SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS ARE ABIDING BY THE ICNAF
REGULATION BY CURTAILING FISHING COOPERATIONS ON GEORGES
AND BROWN'S BANKS, OR DOES THE PROHIBITION OF FISHING
OPERATIONS ONLY APPLY TO CANADIAN FISHERMEN?"

DAVIS: "MR. SPEAKER, THE INFORMATION I HAVE IS THAT
ALL NATIONS OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES ARE ADHERING
VERY CLOSELY TO THE REGULATIONS."
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